* **American Government**
* **Trimester Study Guide**
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**Terms to know:**

Presidential government eminent domain

Parliamentary government off-year elections

Federal government

Majority rule

Autocracy

Oligarchy

Confederate government

Amendment writ of certiorari

Bill of Rights precedents

Judicial review libel

Popular sovereignty slander

Veto prior restraint

shield laws

Gerrymandering substantive due process

Closed and open primaries procedural due process

Hard and soft money writ of habeas corpus

Interest group double jeopardy

Lobbying Miranda Rights

Public policy

1. How are formal amendments to the Constitution proposed?

2. What is the president’s power to veto an act of Congress an

example of?

3. How are the basic Constitutional rights of the people expressed?

4. What is federalism?

5. How do pressure groups operate?

6. What is the “elastic clause?”

7. Know the following terms: inherent powers, reserved powers, implied

powers, expressed powers.

8. Know the following terms: Supremacy clause, Full Faith and Credit

Clause, Necessary and Proper Clause, Privileges and Immunities

Clause.

9. What is the difference between interest groups and political parties?

10. Know the amendments to the U.S. Constitution.

11. Know the formal qualifications of:

a. Member of the House of Representatives

b. Member of the Senate

c. President of the U.S.

12. What is the length of terms of the following:

a. Member of the House of Representatives

b. Member of the Senate

c. President of the U.S.

13. How many terms may a president serve?

14. How do Cabinet members obtain their positions?

15. What is the electoral college? How many electoral votes does a

candidate need in order to win the presidency?

16. How many members are there in the Congress of the United States?

17. Who is the presiding officer of the House of Representatives? Senate?

18. How does a bill become law?

19. What are the four things a president can do with a bill once it passes

Congress?

20. What is the order of the succession created in the Presidential

Succession Act of 1947?

21. How is a new vice-president chosen in the case of a vacancy?

22. What is the process for removing a president from office?

23. Define the following: exclusive jurisdiction, concurrent jurisdiction,

original jurisdiction, appellate jurisdiction.

24. What was Marbury v. Madison? What were the effects of it?

25. What was the Lemon test? The Free Exercise Clause?

26. What kind of cases do federal district courts hear?

27. What is a grand jury?

28. Where are most cases heard?